GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:352
ANSWERED ON:19.04.2005
ACTIVITIES OF SIMI
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the banned organisation Students Islamic Movement of India having strong links with LeT has been expanding its network in the country as reported in the Hindu dated March 9, 2005;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the activists of SIMI have also links with certain Nepal based fundamentalist outfits;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the details of steps taken to keep a check on the activities of SIMI in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(e): Statement is laid on the table of the House.
STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.352 FOR 19.04.2005 REGARDING ACTIVITIES OF SIMI.

(a)to(e): The Students Islamic Movement of India (SIMI) has been indulging in activities which are prejudicial to the security of the country and have the potential of disturbing peace and communal harmony and disrupting the secular fabric of the country. SIMI is in close touch with militant outfits which include Lashkar-e-Toiba (LeT). In view of this it has been declared as an unlawful association under the provisions of the unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. Due to the ban imposed on this organization it has not been successful in expanding its network in the country. However, reports have been received that SIMI is trying to establish its base in Nepal with the patronage of the Nepal Islamic Sangh which is a pro-Pak Muslim fundamentalist organization. A close watch is being maintained on the activities of SIMI with a view of contain the adverse impact on the security of our country that may be caused by its activities.